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Political

- Mar. 29 @ 6 p.m. Reps for John Kerry and President Bush filed paperwork to get their candidates on the Arkansas ballot for May.
- April 2 @ 6 p.m. Congress passed a bill giving \$2 billion to Arkansas' Highway Department.
- April 23 @ 6 p.m. A new proposal before Congress would decrease the costs of prescription drugs under the new Medicare bill.
- May 7 @ 6 p.m. President Bush & John Kerry planning trips to Arkansas next week.

Education

- Mar. 29 @ 6 p.m. Texarkana school district launched a new website to allow parents to look at their kids' grades on-line.
- April 7 @ 6 p.m. The Conway school district says it's too late for parents to file a lawsuit against a drug-testing policy.
- April 28 @ 6 p.m. A teleconference forum on education helped teachers, parents and administrators ask questions about new laws about education.
- June 22 @ 6 p.m. Pulaski Tech & the AR National Guard now offer 100% tuition for qualified members of the guard to go to college.

Crime Prevention

- Mar. 31 @ 6 p.m. LR Police Chief proposes letting cops take their cars home at night to reduce residential crime, but city leaders say it'll cost too much Money, when the city's already strapped for cash.
- April 1 @ 6 p.m. It's Child Abuse Prevention Month and Casa's holding several events to make people aware of how and when to report suspected abuse.

Mar. 30 @ 10 p.m. An Arkansan, C.C. Baird, who holds a federal license to sell dogs to research labs, faces thousands of new charges of wrongdoing from the federal government. (Video is shown.)

Health Services and Medical Care

April 16 @ 6 p.m. A growing number of doctors prescribe Prozac for pre-school-aged kids. They say the benefits outweigh the risks, but some parents disagree.

May 12 @ 6 p.m. What state and local health experts are doing to control the mosquito population.

June 21 @ 5 p.m. Gov. Huckabee says he wants to see evidence that vending machines lead to childhood obesity before the state restricts machines in schools.

Benefits & Services

June 19 @ 6 p.m. Bike ride across N. Little Rock to benefit CARTI.

Consumer

Mar. 29 @ 6 p.m. AR cities are looking into banning smoking at restaurants and workplaces.

Mar. 30 @ 6 p.m. The state prison system makes plans to expand the churches in prisons because so many inmates come. They're running out of room so pastors are asking for local churches to donate money.

April 1 @ 6 p.m. MADD hopes to show young people the dangers of drunk driving, especially during prom and graduation season.

April 1 @ 10 p.m. How the city of Little Rock is coping with higher gas prices.

April 5 @ 6 p.m. Gas prices are so high, people are filling up and then driving off.

April 5 @ 6 p.m. Arkansas Highway Dept. gives tips for drivers to stay safe in construction work zones.

April 6 @ 6 p.m. Developers are planning to build a lifestyle center (or outdoor mall) in west Little Rock.

April 26 @ 10 p.m. Fourteen counties declared disaster areas due to flooding.

May 7 @ 10 p.m. President Bush declared 13 AR counties federal disaster areas, making the counties eligible for money.